

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following Listing of Claims will replace all prior versions, and Listing of Claims in the Application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A strip lighting housing and fixture assembly comprising:

first and second housing sections, each said housing section having a base and a pair of opposed side walls, each said pair of side walls extending longitudinally along a respective one of said bases and projecting substantially orthogonally therefrom, each said housing section further having an end wall mounted on a closed end thereof, each said end wall connecting a respective one of said pairs of side walls and extending substantially orthogonally from a respective one of said bases, each said housing section having an open end formed opposite said closed end, said open end of said first housing section releasably engaging said open end of said second housing, and said first and second housing section including a pair of retaining brackets thereon, each said pair of retaining brackets being positioned adjacent to a respective one of said open ends;

a connecting member releasably engaging said first and second housing sections to releasably lock said housing sections together, said connecting member releasably engaging said retaining brackets;

first and second bracket members each releasably engaging respective ones of said first and second housing sections, each said bracket member connecting a respective one of said pairs of side walls and being positioned substantially parallel to a respective one of said bases; and,

first and second cover members, each said cover members releasably engaging said connecting member and a respective one of said bracket members to form a covered strip lighting enclosure which is collapsible and may be selectively disassembled.

2. (Original) The strip lighting housing and fixture assembly as recited in Claim 1 wherein each said base further includes a pair of retaining members formed thereon, each said pair of retaining members being positioned adjacent a respective one of said open ends.

3. (Original) The strip lighting housing and fixture assembly as recited in Claim 2 further comprising a locking plate which releasably engages said pairs of retaining members in order to releasably secure said first housing section to said second housing section.

4. (Original) The strip lighting housing and fixture assembly as recited in Claim 3 wherein said locking plate includes a pair of openings formed

therethrough, each said opening engaging a respective locking finger member formed on a respective base of said first and second housing sections, said locking plate releasably engaging said pair of locking finger members.

Claims 5-6 (Cancelled).

7. (Currently Amended) The strip lighting housing and fixture assembly as recited in Claim 6 1 wherein said connecting member includes a plurality of hooks formed thereon, said plurality of hooks releasably engaging said retaining brackets.

8. (Original) The strip lighting housing and fixture assembly as recited in Claim 1 further comprising securement means for releasably engaging said first and second cover members respectively to said first and second housing sections.

9. (Original) The strip lighting housing and fixture assembly as recited in Claim 8 wherein each of said first and second cover members has a semi-circular opening formed therethrough, said semi-circular opening being formed on an end corresponding to a respective one of said open ends of said first and second housing sections, said semi-circular openings forming a circular opening for

engagement with said securement means when said first and second cover members are positioned adjacent and contiguous to one another.

10. (Original) The strip lighting housing and fixture assembly as recited in Claim 1 wherein each of said first and second cover members is adapted to receive a lighting socket.

11. (Currently Amended) A strip lighting housing and fixture assembly comprising:

first and second housing sections, each said housing section having a base and a pair of opposed side walls, each said pair of side walls extending longitudinally along a respective one of said bases and projecting substantially orthogonally therefrom, each said housing section further having an end wall mounted on a closed end thereof, each said end wall connecting a respective one of said pairs of side walls and extending substantially orthogonally from a respective one of said bases, each said housing section having an open end formed opposite said closed end, said open end of said first housing section releasably engaging said open end of said housing, each said base having a pair of retaining members formed thereon, each said pair of retaining members being positioned adjacent a respective one of said open ends, and said first and second housing

section including a pair of retaining brackets mounted thereon, each said pair of retaining brackets being positioned adjacent to a respective one of said open ends;

a locking plate releasably engaging said pairs of retaining members in order to releasably secure said first housing section to said second housing section;

a connecting member releasably engaging said first and second housing sections to releasably lock said housing sections together, said connecting member releasably engaging said retaining brackets;

the first and second bracket members each releasably engaging respective ones of said first and second housing sections, each said bracket member connecting a respective one of said pairs of side walls and being positioned substantially parallel to a respective one of said bases; and,

first and second cover members, each said cover member releasably engaging said connecting member and a respective one of said bracket members to form a covered strip lighting enclosure which is collapsible and may be selectively disassembled.

12. (Original) The strip lighting housing and fixture assembly as recited in Claim 11, wherein said locking plate includes a pair of engaging openings formed therethrough.

13. (Original) The strip lighting housing and fixture assembly as recited in Claim 12 wherein each said base includes an engaging finger projecting therefrom, each said engaging finger releasably engaging a respective one of said engaging openings of said locking plate to releasably lock said locking plate to said first and second housing sections.

Claims 14-15 (Cancelled).

16. (Currently Amended) The strip lighting housing and fixture assembly as recited in Claim ~~15~~ 1 wherein said connecting member include a plurality of hooks formed thereon, said hooks releasably engaging said retaining brackets.

17. (Original) The strip lighting housing and fixture assembly as recited in Claim 11 further comprising securement means for releasably engaging said first and second cover members respectively to said first and second housing sections.

18. (Original) The strip lighting housing and fixture assembly as recited in Claim 17 wherein each of said first and second cover members includes a semi-circular opening formed therethrough, said semi-circular opening being formed on

an end corresponding to a respective one of said open ends of said first and second housing sections, said semi-circular openings forming a circular opening for engagement with said securement means when said first and second cover members are positioned adjacent and contiguous to one another.

19. (Original) The strip lighting housing and fixture assembly as recited in Claim 11 wherein each of said first and second cover members is adapted to receive a lighting socket.

20. (Original) The strip lighting housing and fixture assembly as recited in Claim 11 wherein said first and second housing sections are formed of a metal composition.